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## ST. LOUIS FAIR ENDS.

THE FLAGS were hauled down at the St. Louis exposition on Thursday and the lights turned out forever. The greatest show of its kind that has ever been given in the world has passed into history. In respect of attendance the fair was a disappointment. Only 15,800,000 people, in round numbers, passed through the gates during the seven months the grounds and buildings were open. The attendance at Chicago in 1893 was greater than this by nearly 10,000,000.

Chicago had the advantage of being a much larger city, with a far greater home and suburban population to draw from. It had another advantage in the fact that its fair was held in an off year. No presidential contest with its unsettling of business was on. The people were not all busy talking politics. They had more time in which to attend the fair, and in spite of the fact that 1893 was a panic year, they had, apparently, more money to spend.

A third advantage for Chicago was that the world's fair was the first exposition of international, or even national importance that had been held for a number of years, the greatest preceding one having been the Centennial in Philadelphia in 1876. The eleven years that stretched between Chicago and St. Louis may seem like a long time to some individuals. But it isn't such a long time, after all. We live rapidly in this country and time goes swiftly. It seems only yesterday that the world's fair ended.

It was generally conceded by those who saw both shows that St. Louis far outstripped Chicago. It was conceded, too, that at St. Louis there was a great deal more space than was really needed. In most instances the exhibits at St. Louis were better than the similar exhibits at Chicago, but some departments at St. Louis were inferior. The St. Louis show was well worth seeing, though, and well worth remembering.

The great disappointment was the failure of the athletic contests. It had been confidently predicted that these would constitute the distinguishing feature of the St. Louis fair. They proved nothing of the sort. The only fight that might by any stretch of the imagination be called successful was that made by the Baldwin Arrow of San Francisco. And its fight was not altogether satisfactory.

## DEATH OF MRS. GILBERT.

THE SUDDEN DEATH in Chicago of Mrs. G. H. Gilbert yesterday will cause sorrow, not only among the actor folk but to hundreds of thousands of American citizens who had seen her only from "the front." Mrs. Gilbert was, in a way, a public woman. For more than sixty years she had been on the stage, and she died in the harness. On Monday last she opened in Chicago an engagement that was to have lasted two weeks in a play written specially for her, "Granny."

It was announced at the beginning of Mrs. Gilbert's tour that this was to be her last season on the stage. And right well had she earned the rest she hoped to take. She is resting now, the rest that knows no waking, and who will say she has not earned it? Mrs. Gilbert was in her eighty-fourth year. Think of that, a woman in her eighty-fourth year going through a trying part six nights a week and sometimes two matinees.

Up to yesterday her health seemed splendid. Apparently she had at least five or ten years of life before her. Now she has played her last part. Sixty years ago she began in "The Tugboat Schoolmarm" in Louisville, Ky. It would be interesting to know how many members of that company and of the audience that saw the play are still alive. The probabilities are that all of them have long since crossed to the other shore.

Mrs. Gilbert was never a great actress, though she was always a popular one. She had been seen in every city of consequence in the United States, and since her debut in New York in 1864 had played many parts. She will be missed, both by the theatrical profession and by the play-going public.

## MINORS SHOULD WORK.

A CHICAGO WOMAN declared the other day that the widow who permits her minor children to support her is like the cannibalistic hen that eats her own eggs. The statement partakes more of wit than of wisdom. More children are ruined because their mothers feel obliged to go out to work than because they are obliged to work themselves. This applies, of course, to children who are really old enough to engage in some gainful occupation.

A boy or girl of the age of 14 to 18 years who is not willing, even anxious, to support his or her widowed

mother, is a mighty thankless sort of child. And the fact that the child is at work, that it knows it is contributing to its mother's support, gives it a sort of independence, a feeling of responsibility, that could not otherwise be acquired.

It is unfortunate that children should ever be compelled to work, either for their own living, or to support a dependent parent. But such cases are bound to happen; at least they do happen all the time. Surely the home is the place for the mother. It is there that she can do her best work. Let her make the home pleasant for the child laborers, let her make them glad to get home and glad, once there, to stay there until the time comes when they must return to their work. The best influence a mother can exert is the home influence.

The opposite view of the case shows us the mother going away every day to labor, perhaps to scrub floors, perhaps to do washing by the day, perhaps to work in an office or a store. What becomes of the children? They are left to their own devices. Nobody sees that they go to school, that their playmates are boys and girls of good habits, that their associations are proper. They are thrown upon their own resources, almost with an invitation to go to the bad.

Of course if the mother can secure work she can do at home both she and the children will be very much better off. But when the question as to whether the mother or the children should go out to labor there should be no hesitation. The children should go. It is as much the duty of the mother to send them as to raise them properly.

## LEWISOHN MUST TESTIFY.

THE WEALTHY Mr. Lewisohn of New York must testify against his friend Richard Canfield, gambler. A recent decision of the New York court of appeals has apparently left him no other alternative. There is some talk of asking the United States supreme court to review the case, but help from that quarter is extremely improbable. Mr. Lewisohn, thanks to the persistence of District Attorney Jerome, must testify.

The story of the fight to secure Lewisohn's testimony is long telling. When Prosecutor Jerome began his crusade against gambling in New York he instituted proceedings against the so-called "king of gamblers," Canfield. The prosecutor learned that Lewisohn, as well as many other wealthy New Yorkers, had engaged in gambling in the Canfield place. Lewisohn was summoned before a grand jury to tell what he knew. He refused to tell, pleading that he could not be required to give testimony calculated to incriminate him.

The court sustained Mr. Lewisohn. Jerome was not discouraged. He promptly went before the legislature and had passed a law guaranteeing to witnesses for the commonwealth in such cases immunity from prosecution. Mr. Lewisohn was summoned before another grand jury. Again he refused to testify, this time on the ground that the new law was retroactive, that no law could be made to cover an offense committed prior to its passage. The court ruled against Mr. Lewisohn, taking the ground that the law was intended simply to regulate court procedure, and it did not make a crime of that which was not a crime prior to its passage.

Next the point was made that the statute did not sufficiently guarantee witnesses against prosecution. Lewisohn's attorneys laid before the court supposititious cases in which great harm might come to witnesses. However, the court refused to be moved by this plea. The highest tribunal in the state having ruled on the point, and no vital constitutional question that would warrant an appeal to the supreme court being involved, Lewisohn will now be forced to testify against his friend Canfield.

Prosecutor Jerome is entitled to congratulations on the outcome of his labors. His work will not be finished, though, until he lands Canfield, gambler, behind the bars of a New York prison, where, under the New York statutes, he properly belongs.

A Washington dispatch says a fraud order has been issued by the postoffice department against a Salt Lake man whose name is not given. Maybe that's the reason the letters you have been looking for have failed to arrive.

It is announced from Washington that President Roosevelt is going after the Standard Oil trust. That sounds entirely too good to be true. Surely the president will not antagonize Father-in-law Aldrich.

A cold wave is headed this way at last. Here's hoping nothing will head it off. We need some cold weather very badly. Even the fine weather we have been having these two months and more gets monotonous.

The solicitor general of the United States department of justice is a plain blunt man. He says the case of Senator Burton is "only an ordinary criminal case." If this isn't calculated to cause a reduction in Burton's bump of self-esteem nothing is.

The curious feature of the tragic death of Nissen, who tried to cross Lake Michigan in a rotary boat called the "Foolkiller," is that the police did not lock him up before he started. Is there no way by which men may be prevented from committing suicide when possible?

A Russian newspaper says it is as much to the interest of the United States as to Russia to have the czar's forces win the war with Japan. Yes, we have a large photograph of Russia in the act of dividing with the United States the fruits of her victory over the Japanese. And that's about all the United States will ever get out of it, too.

## Society

Mrs. Edward S. Perry will issue invitations today for a tea to be given next Thursday afternoon for Miss Emily Read. The event will take in a wide circle of friends, and as the hours are from five to seven the men will be included in the invitation.

An elaborate card party was that given yesterday by Miss Kirkpatrick in compliment to her sister, Mrs. Ackland-Hood of New Zealand and Miss Carolyn Kenyon. About fifty friends were entertained, the tables being arranged in the red room. The holiday season was anticipated in the brilliant red and green, the mantel being banked with ferns and studded with red flowers. The tables were small and the score cards were Christmas cards. In the receiving line stood the hostess, her mother, and the two honored guests. The Misses Ruth and Mose Kirkpatrick and Miss Jasmine Young and Miss Katherine Williams assisted in keeping the score in the game, and prizes were won by Mrs. Arthur H. S. Bird, Mrs. S. L. Sturgis, and Mrs. John E. Woodward.

Two dancing parties were given last evening, the one by the alumni of Salt Lake High school and the other by the College Women of the university. The scene of the first was Unity hall on Second East street, where the red and black of the High school was everywhere in evidence. The High school flag hung on the wall and bunting in the two colors was used as streamers. The patronesses were Mrs. J. S. Salisbury, Mrs. Russell Schuler, Mrs. Hoyt Sherman, Mrs. Rachel Miller and Mrs. A. J. Vorse. The guests were received by the executive committee of the association. A fine orchestra furnished the music. At the university the affair was in the hands of the College women and was enjoyed by a large number of their friends.

Miss Clella McReedy was the hostess last evening at a dinner given for a number of her friends. The decorations were in red and green, plumosa and bright red carnations being used with red candles and shades. The guests were Miss Jennie Lynn, Miss Evelyn Thomson, Miss Mary Soren, Miss Helen Burton, Miss Edith Kingsbury, Miss Gertrude Mayer, Miss Phoebe Hardin, and Miss Annie Adams.

Mrs. Gleon Bachman of Provo has been removed from St. Mark's hospital and is a guest at the home of Mrs. Alford.

Mrs. G. M. Forbes is home from an eastern trip of several months, having enjoyed a visit with Lieutenant and Mrs. McCullough at Fort Leavenworth.

Mrs. A. D. Melvin will receive informally next Tuesday afternoon for Mrs. John Reed of Denver.

Miss Louise Jennings will entertain a few of her friends at a luncheon today at her home.

The Plate club will meet next Saturday afternoon with Mrs. D. C. Gates on 11 street.

The teachers and principal of the Jackson school entertained the patrons at a reception yesterday afternoon at the schoolhouse.

The Billie club has issued invitations for a dance to be given next Friday evening at Christensen's hall.

Miss Grace Della Davis will leave today for an eastern visit of several months.

Mrs. Elbridge Thomas has returned from an extended eastern trip. She visited the world's fair in St. Louis on her return.

The regular T. O. meeting will be held at Mrs. A. J. Gorman's, 413 East Second South, at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The W. E. F. club was entertained by Miss Hazel Pany at her home on Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Vincent of 175 North Sixth West entertained informally last Monday evening in honor of their niece and nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Walther of California. What a high five were played during the first part of evening, after which refreshments were served. Among the present were: Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Francis, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Conner, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Walters, Mr. and Mrs. George Francis, Mrs. Charles Jones, Misses Margarette Francis and Carrie Smith, Messrs. Walter and Arthur Francis.

Mrs. Kerr and Mrs. Twining will hold their annual exhibit and sale of decorated porcelain and water colors at Leysen's next Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The Utah Cook Book, compiled by the ladies of the First Presbyterian church, especially for this high altitude, is now on sale at Godbe-Pitts drug store, at 50 cents a copy.

Not His Proper Calling.

(Springfield Republican.) The late Bishop Dudley of Kentucky was on a hunting expedition near Louisville and happened to fall in with a local Nimrod who expressed admiration for the city man's marksmanship paved the way for further conversation.

"What's your name?" the countryman inquired.

"Dudley," was the reply.

After some change of incident and experience the bishop's interlocutor hazarded:

"Say, Dudley, what business do you follow?"

"I'm a preacher."

"Oh, get out. What are you giving me?"

"But I am. I preach every Sunday."

"Where?"

"In Louisville."

"Well, I never. I never would have thought it. You ain't stuck up a bit like most of the preachers down this way."

An invitation to hear this new-made acquaintance preach was accompanied by a scribbled card, and the next Sabbath saw the rustic in his "Sunday best" ushered into the bishop's own pew, where he listened intently to both service and sermon.

He was manifestly amazed afterward to have the orator of the morning come down to greet him cordially and familiarly as in the woods. He managed to stammer his thanks and added: "I ain't much of a judge of this kind of thing, parson, but I riz with you and set with you and saw the thing through the best I knew how, but all the same, if my opinion is worth anything to you, the Lord meant you for a hunter."

## Sounded That Way.

(Philadelphia Public Ledger.) Mrs. Snappery—Was that the piano in your house I heard yesterday? Mrs. Naylor—Yes, my daughter is taking lessons by the quarter now, o. Mrs. Snappery—Indeed? I thought it was by the pound.

## LIVE WIRES

As a general rule the length of a prizefighter's tongue increases as the strength of his punch diminishes.

Indications are that Judge Barchis is running strong in Pennsylvania and Washington.

There is reason to believe that some sort of rods that would attract smelter smoke would find ready sale among farmers in the valleys.

We sincerely trust the United States does not go to war soon if all that our generals are reporting about equipment is true.

Tom Watson evidently feels he is at liberty to jump on the Democratic party, because, although it is down, its defeat wasn't a marker to what happened to Tom.

Now that the strike is over it is hard to understand what satisfaction Peabody would get out of being governor of Colorado, anyhow.

Russia is at liberty to regard that invitation to the peace conference as a joke or an insult.

Mr. B. Nelson and Mr. Y. Corbett wish the world to understand that each regards the other as one of the first gentlemen of the land, which should settle the matter.

Speaking of adventure with bears.

"Speaking of adventure with bears, did I ever tell you about the time I encountered a bear in Weber canyon?" inquired Fisher Harris. "No? Strange! I thought I had told that to everybody. Well, sub, it was like this: With my guide I had wandered into a narrow, rocky defile. A precipitous wall of rock at length barred my further forward progress. Turning to retrace my steps I found myself face to face with an enormous bear! The prodigious bulk of the creature filled the little defile completely. Escape, even had I desired it—which was not the fact—would have been impossible. What did I do, sub? Show the white feather? No, sub, I did not! Fearlessly advancing toward the savage animal I transfixed it with a look. Uttering a low moan the creature sank to the earth. At once seizing the opportunity, I began repeating a speech I had prepared for a forthcoming convention. In less than one minute, sub, the bear was in a comatose condition, and long before I had reached that part of my address where the name of my candidate was uttered the bear had passed away. I remained calm throughout the entire affair. Indeed, so cool was I that the water in my canteen turned to ice, sub."

Irishman's Chivalric Choice.

(Exchange.) An Irishman traveling in France was challenged by a Frenchman to fight a duel, to which he readily consented, and suggested shillelahs as weapons. "That won't do," said the Frenchman, "you have the right to choose the arms, but chivalry demands that you should decide upon a weapon with which Frenchmen are familiar." The Irishman, coolly, "Very well, we'll fight with guillotine."

Easy.

(Cleveland Plain Dealer.) "The czar of Russia may have absolute power, but he can't mail his letters in Cleveland's new postoffice."

"Because the postoffice is not opened yet."

Sufficient unto Himself.

(Philadelphia Public Ledger.) "If I do say it myself," remarked Bragg, "she's crazy for me."

"What a work of supererogation!" exclaimed Miss Koskiue, "you don't need any assistance in that direction."

A Woman's Gratitude.

(Somerville Journal.)

Strangely enough, a woman is seldom grateful to you when you try to help her make up her mind.

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